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Item No. 5  
Bill 3, CD1  
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REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2017  
TIME: 9:00 am.  
PLACE: COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM

RE: OPPOSE Bill 3, CD1 RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION SURCHARGE

I oppose this bill as you were elected to office to serve the people of the City and County of Honolulu in their best interests. This bill is counter to that. This bill removes the \$4.85 billion cap and thereby allows the collecting unlimited amount of surcharge. This is totally unacceptable. I find it appalling that you would consider passing this bill.

This Rail project is failed project and it is shameful that it was allowed to begin construction. It will not serve the citizens, it will not reduce congestion, it will not get the ridership, and in the end the burden of this tax will be in the pocketbooks of generations to come.

The first leg of this Rail was scheduled to be operation in 2012. It is 2017 and yet to be constructed is the first rail station. Are you assured as to when the first leg of this rail will be in operation. I find it difficult to believe that council members having lived in Hawaii at least since the inception of this rail project had no idea as what the cost would be. I as a citizen as well as many others knew that in 2008 the rail would cost at least \$7 billion. Where have you been all these years?

Last October I went to Okinawa and rode the rail in Naha City. This Yui Rail was completed 3 months ahead of schedule in 2003. What a concept! Since 2003 many of leaders in our State have visited Okinawa, like our Governor David Ige. Have you heard any of them talk about the successful Yui Rail? I rode the rail 6 times, rode on local city buses, tour buses, taxis, airplane and ferry. Okinawa truly has a multi-model transportation system. I don't foresee this occurring here.

I plan to go back to Okinawa in October 2021 having met relatives that I didn't know existed. Do you see the first leg of Honolulu's Rail be in operation by then? It will only be 9 years in delay.

I urge you not to pass this bill and think about the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu and the future generations to come. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concern.